

# ***Air Force Reserve Command***

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## **Hot Topics**



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  - **Federal Strategic Health Alliance**
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# ***New Fitness Program***



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- **Effective 1 Jan 2004, AFI 10-248**
  - **Reserve side mirrors the active duty side in performance aspect**
  - **IMAs must complete health questionnaire prior to fitness testing**
  - **IMAs will be required to do the 1.5 mile run, situps (crunches) and pushups**
  - **AFR Supplement currently in coordination**
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# ***Federal Strategic Health Alliance (FEDS\_HEAL)***

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- **FEDS\_HEAL provides**
  - **Physical Exams**
  - **Dental Exams**
- **Test program within AFRC for FY 04**
  - **Target Population**
    - **IMAs and PIRR**
      - **Not located near MTF**
      - **Continued access problems**



# ***Federal Strategic Health Alliance***

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- **Matches member and required services to a FEDS HEAL Network Care Provider within 50 miles of member's home of record**
- **Notifies member and provider of appointment time and place**
- **Exam results come to ARPC Physical Standards**
- **Call ARPC/SGO for eligibility**
  - **1-800-525-0102**

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# ***Annual Requirements***

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- ***You have two requirements...***
    - Reserve Component Health Risk Assessment (RCHRA)
    - Dental Exam
  
  - ***Everyone has to be current on both***
    - 77% current as of 26 Mar 04
  
  - ***Letters sent to all IMAs***
    - ***If you have current exams...send them in now to ARPC/SGO***
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# ***Physical Exams... Your Responsibilities***

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- **If your exam is Not current**
  - **Call Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) to schedule**
    - **Ask for Physical Exams or Force Health Management**
  
- **If you are Not in DEERS**
  - **You are still eligible for exams**
    - **Problem with eligibility, Ask MTF to call ARPC/SGO**
  
- **Problem scheduling**
  - **Go up your chain of command**
    - **Supervisor, Commander, Program Manager**

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# ***If You Fail to Comply***

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## ■ ***If You Fail to Comply...***

- Your Program Manager is notified
- You may be **restricted from pay and points**
  - Includes AT, IDTs, RPA and MPA tours
- You could get unsatisfactory year for retirement
- You will be recommended for reassignment



# ***Customer Service Transformation***

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- **New way of doing business**
  
  - **Electronic**
    - **vMPF ([arpc.afrc.af.mil](http://arpc.afrc.af.mil)) - for link to vMPF**
    - **TSP ([tsp.gov](http://tsp.gov))**
    - **myPay ([dfas.mil](http://dfas.mil))**
  
  - **Log on**
  - **Establish passwords**
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# Address Changes

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- **If updated in Pay System**
    - New address won't flow to Personnel System
    - Old address in Personnel System will overlay new address in Pay System
  
  - **If updated in DEERS**
    - New address won't flow to Pay or Personnel System
  
  - ***Always* update through the Personnel System at your MPF**
    - New address will flow to Pay System
    - New address will flow to DEERS
    - New address will flow to WOTS



# ***Purpose of the DD Form 214***

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- **Provides you with record of Active Duty**
- **Provides military services with information**
- **Proof of military service**
- **Veterans Benefits**



# ***When is a DD 214 Issued?***

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- **After tour of 90 continuous days or more**
- **After mobilization of 1 day or more**
- **End of IADT, any length**
- **Other instances**
  - **Disability**
  - **Ending officer appointment in another branch of service or to enlist in Air Force**



# ***What We Need From You?***

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- **Orders, Amendments and Worksheet - ASAP**
    - **Link to worksheet on ARPC website**
  
  - **Include all awards and decorations on the worksheet**
  
  - **Provide MIDDLE NAME (not just initial)**
  
  - **Send to ARPC/DPSSS**  
**6760 E Irvington Pl #4000**  
**Denver CO 80280-4000**
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# ***Government Airline Tickets***



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- **Flexibility and savings with government's established agreements with airlines**
  
  - **Key features of the program include:**
    - **No requirement for advance purchase of tickets**
    - **No limits on length of stay at any location**
    - **A full refund for unused tickets**
    - **No charge for cancellations or changes**
    - **Last seat availability**
    - **No blackout periods apply**
  
  - **Bottom line- Only use government travel offices**
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# ***Split Disbursement on Travel Vouchers***

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- **Mandatory Split Disbursement**
  
  - **Effective 15 Jul 03**
  
  - **All expenses require separate identification on travel voucher**
    - **Payments for charges to your government card will be directly disbursed to the credit card company**
    - **Supervisors are required to review and sign all travel claims**
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# ***Split Disbursement on Travel Vouchers***

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- **Travel vouchers will be returned to you**
    - **If filed without designating split disbursement**
    - **If filed without proper signatures**
  
  - **Recommend including business phone numbers and/or email addresses on vouchers and SF 1164s to expedite problem solving**
  
  - **Note: Effective 1 Jan 04**
    - **Mileage for POV goes up to 37.5 cents**
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# ***Annual Tour Request***

## ***Deadline***

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- **All FY 04 IMA Annual Tour requests are due to ARPC by 31 May**
  - **Check with your PM for your command/agency's deadline**
  - **After 31 May, request must include justification**
  - **Substitution policy for support of contingencies in works, but expect same as last year**
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# ***Reserve Service Commitment (RSC) Program***



- **Reserve Service Commitments, effective 1 03**
- **Requires a commitment to Selected Reserve**
  - **Attending any in-residence training of 20 weeks or more**
    - **Must sign 3 year commitment**
  - **Top Three enlisted promotions**
    - **Must sign 2 year commitment**





# ***Reserve Service Commitment (RSC)***

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- **Ensures fair return for training, education and promotion of enlisted**
  - **Communicates to members the periods of obligation before being able to transfer, separate or retire**
  - **Members who have signed an RSC contract and fail to satisfactorily participate could be involuntarily called to active duty for up to 45 days**
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# ***Reserve Service Commitment (RSC)***

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## ***Program - Retainability***

- **In-residence school or top three promotions**
  
- **Sign commitment**
  
- **Must have required time**
  
- **If not, request waiver of retainability for RSC thru PM to ARPC/CC**



# ***Legislative Changes FY 04***

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- **Section 542** - Enhanced Retention of Accumulated Leave for High-Deployment Members
  
- **Section 606** - Temporary Increase in Authorized Amount of Family Separation Allowance
  - October 1, 2003 - December 31, 2004
  - Increased from \$100-\$250
  
- **Section 618** - Payment of Hostile Fire and Imminent Danger Special Pay for Reserve Component Members on Inactive Duty
  - Retroactive to September 11, 2001



# ***Legislative Changes FY 04***



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- **Section 635** - Payment of Lodging Expenses of Members During Authorized Leave From Temporary Duty Location
    - On duty for 30+ days and receiving per diem
  
  - **Section 646** - Increase in Death Gratuity Payable with Respect to Deceased Members of the Armed Forces
    - Increases from \$6,000 to \$12,000
    - As of September 11, 2001
  
  - **Section 704** - Temporary Extension of Transitional Health Care Benefits
    - Extends to 180 days after separation from active duty
    - Ends on December 31, 2004
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# ***Legislative Changes FY 04***

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- **Section 702 - Coverage for Ready Reserve members Under TRICARE Program**
  - **Selected Reserve and Individual Ready Reserve for any period the member is:**
    - **Unemployed or Not eligible for employers health care benefits r**
  - **Certification of Non-coverage**
  - **Self alone or Self and family coverage**
  - **Annual premiums \$420/single; \$1450 /family**
  - **Test period starts July 04 and ends on 31 Dec 04**
  - **Implementation still being worked**

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**[www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil)**

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# ***Proposed Early Retirement***

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- **109th Congress**

- **Introduced**

- **S. 1859**

- **For every two years of service over 20, one year off age**



# *Questions?*

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